

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

James Hicks House
AND/OR COMMON**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Dulin Clark Road

CITY, TOWN

Brownsville☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☒ OTHER: vacant**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Elbert Hicks

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 332

CITY, TOWN

Centreville☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21617**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Queen Anne's County CourthouseLiber #: CWC 103Folio #: 170

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CPA-476

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☒ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The James Hicks House is located southeast of the intersection of Dulin Clark Road and Brownsville Road at the west end of Brownsville, approximately 2 1/2 miles west of Centreville.

The Hicks house is of frame construction, three bays wide, two stories high and one room deep, with a pitched cross gable centered on a pitched gable roof and a two story wing centered on the rear facade.

The front facade faces northwest toward the nearby road intersection. The door is located in the center bay, flanked by two window openings on each side. There are three windows on the second story. The sash are all gone, and probably consisted of 2/2 and/or 6/6. The front facade is covered with plain horizontal siding concealed with more recent wood shingles. A one story porch that extended most of the length of the facade has collapsed and now blocks the first floor openings. The roof of the house is covered with asphalt shingles; the eaves oversail and are boxed in. The cross gable is centered on the facade, with no

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CONTINUATION SHEET

7.1 DESCRIPTION

opening in the tympanum. A brick stove chimney is offset to left of center on the roof.

On the northeast gable wall, single windows are centered on the first and second floor. The siding and eaves match the front facade.

A two story frame wing projects from the center of the rear facade, leaving a single window in the northeast and southwest bays of the first and second floor.

There are no window or door openings in the southwest gable wall of the main house.

The rear wing is centered on the southeast facade, forming a T-plan house. There is a door in the center of the southwest wall of the wing, with a single window directly above on the second story. Single window openings are centered on the first and second story of the northeast facade and the southeast gable of the wing. A small, one story open porch once sheltered the southwest wall of the wing and the adjoining corner of the main house.

The interior of the main house consists of a two room, hall-parlor plan with the larger hall to the southwest. The front door opens into the hall, and a door directly opposite opens into the rear wing. An enclosed, straight-run stair rises against the southwest

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.2 DESCRIPTION

gable wall of the hall. One shared brick stove chimney is centered on the interior partition wall of the hall; a second stove chimney is located in the east corner of the kitchen wing. All three first floor rooms are plastered, and the hall and rear kitchen have beaded vertical wainscot paneling below a simple chairrail. Other trim includes plain architraves and baseboard and a simple board mantel in the parlor.

The second floor plan is identical to the first floor except the rear chamber (in the wing) is one step lower than the main house. The two front rooms are plastered, the rear room was evidently unfinished except for a coat of blue paint until recently, when drywall was installed.

The attic is unfinished. The building is constructed with balloon framing using wire nails. The plaster is applied to machine sawn lath secured with wire nails. Several two-light sash windows remain in the house.

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This two story frame house was constructed circa 1914 on a lot purchased by James F. Hicks, a black man, from Marianna S. Robinson, the widow of Judge John M. Robinson. The Robinsons owned land on this edge of Brownsville and sold off several lots to black families.

The two story, hall parlor plan utilized for this building was a particularly popular house form in the Brownsville community, in this case expanded by an original rear wing to form a T-plan. The overall size and finish mark this as one of the better dwelling houses constructed in the community. The property has remained in the Hicks family to the present day, although the house and farm buildings have been abandoned.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

11/5/81

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

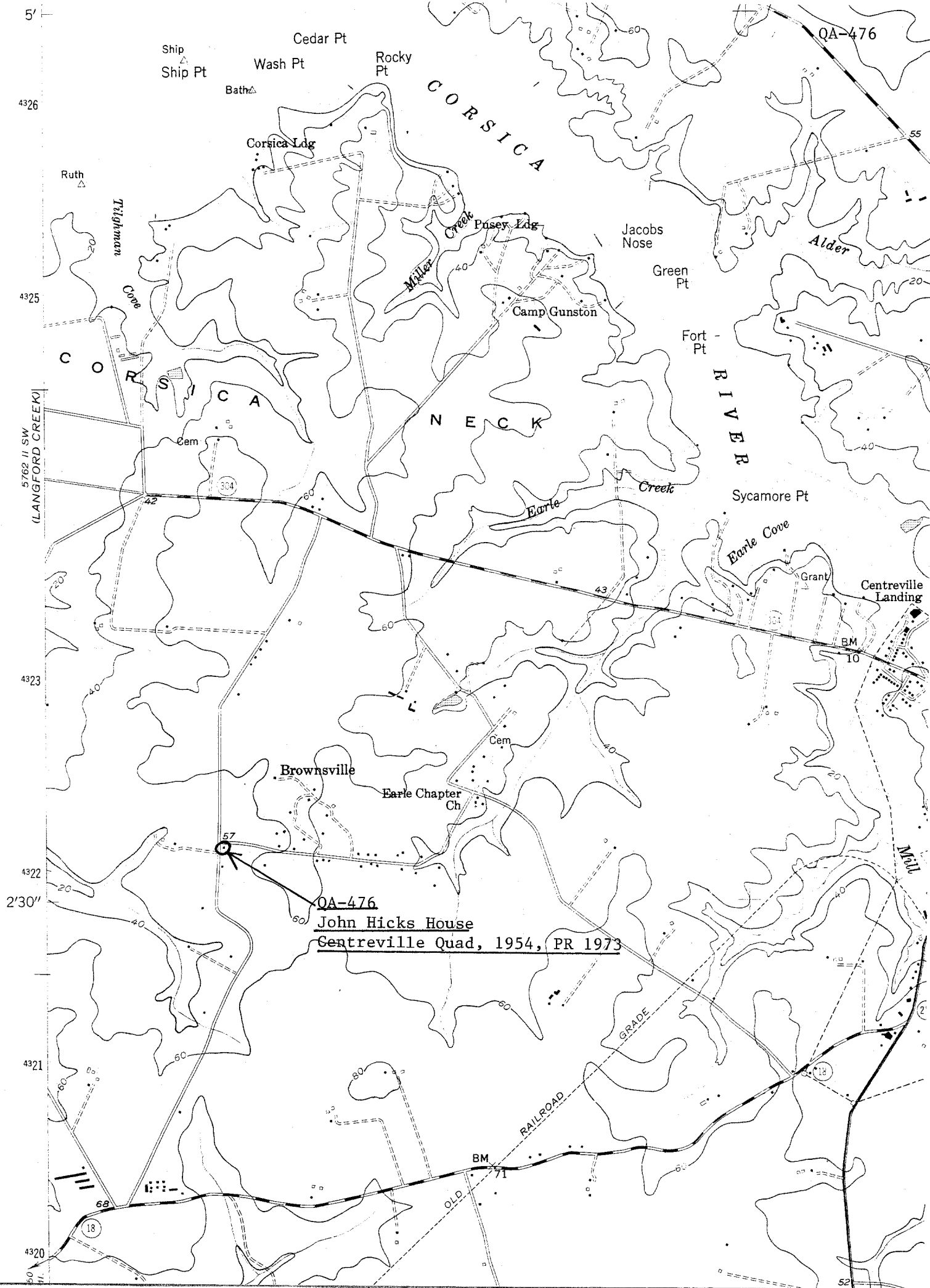
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